

As a handicapped senior, I use the Internet for many things, shopping being a major use. Allowing a two-tiered Internet would lock me out of sites I need but could not afford.

—Donna L. Walcott, Port Huron, MI

Net Neutrality is important because it promotes fair, but competitive business practices between media outlets and internet providers.

—Ismael J Rodriguez, Vineland, NJ

This place is some people's only place to escape and to communicate the way they need to with their friends. Taking that away is just WRONG.

—Anna Hahn, Janesville, WI

I'm tired of Corporations screwing us in any way they can and then being told that it's for our own good. That the FCC is in the pocket of Verizon, Comcast, and ATT is totally disgusting. This country is going to the dogs so fast and our rights trampled on so badly that I'm ashamed to be called an American. I vote Democrat and I'm a Progressive but if we as the people have to take to the streets to get OUR country back from the Corporations I will do it.

—Kathryn H. Regan, Hayward, CA

This is my connection to the world, as it is for my mom, and untold numbers of other folks! Keep our lines of communication open and free, we need it!

—Melody Martin, Norcross, GA

Keep the Internet available equally for all! Net Neutrality now and forever.

—Doug Kusak, Cleveland, OH

Don't let big businesses run the government.

—Ryan Bone, Cleveland heights, OH

We do not need the internet to be controlled by big corporations or the rich! Leave the internet neutral and tell big business and the rich to improve the speed of the internet for everyone and not just them, while the rest of us have to use a slower internet and they have the faster internet. The internet was set up for everyone to use and not just big corporations and the rich. We have enough people who are only thinking of themselves in this country!!!

—Kenneth W Christlieb, Fort Wayne, IN

It's what it was made to be. Free and open communication for all. Letting corporations in to make money will corrupt the whole system. Keep it free and open.

—Susan Garrett, Farmington, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Cynthia Stewart, Nashua, NH

I am a retired senior citizen living on a pension smaller than my social security check. I can't afford to travel so my primary interaction with the outside world is the internet. I can't afford to pay more than I am now.

—H Ellis Griffin, Poughquag, NY

This is necessary for the 21st century to ensure equal access to all websites to prevent censorship in our internet. This is first amendment stuff. All websites should have a level playing field.

—Aram Hacobian, Burbank, CA

FCC: throw out your rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers! Protect real Net Neutrality.

—Sean Marooney, Thornton, CO

control by big corps is not freedom

—John Cooper, Naalehu, HI

THE INTERNET IS WHERE TRUE DEMOCRACY CAN FLOURISH. DON'T LET THE GREED OF A FEW RUIN IT!

—Todd Freeman, Sonoma, CA

SAVE NET NEUTRALITY!!! It is important to keep it free so it can grow and be free from corporate influence and control. Telling us what we can and can not see. Making companies pay to have faster services. It will hurt the little guy that can't afford to pay to compete with the bigger companies.

—Glenn Kassahn, West Valley City, UT

STop the greedy corporations and bring us up to speed with the rest of the world

—Lawrence Cohen, La, CA

It's a public commodity like air to breathe!!

—Lou-Ellen Saidel, Evanston, IL

Net neutrality to date has facilitated thousands of new companies and an entire industry. Thank goodness the likes of AT&T and Westinghouse did not have then what you are about to grant Comcast, Time-Warner, and Verizon this year. Do not simply just legitimize the station of the current oligarchy. Classifying internet service providers as common carriers is the surest way to foster entrepreneurialism and innovation.

—Daniel Mainz, Brooklyn, NY

Life in the fast lane!! If that becomes restricted to Verizon et al we will all lose. The internet is the only bit of democracy we have left.

—Marjorie Bram, Redondo Beach, CA

If we lose net neutrality we lose more than we can even foresee. The net has fostered so much innovation, change and creativity which will certainly be undermined by the influence of big money. THIS ISN'T ROCKET SCIENCE...we know it will happen. Not even to mention the inconvenience and injustice that will be borne by users/customers. STOP letting money dictate every decision in Washington! Try it! You might like it!

—Kitty Kent, Mt Pleasant, SC

I can't afford to buy my way to easy access to the internet news or products.

—Veroune Chittim, Selma, OR

Competition is a major tenet of market economies and one of the major forces behind the historical success of our country. Please fulfill the FCC's responsibility for preserving a level playing field for all internet users, both individuals and businesses. One of the remarkable developments of this century has been the internet and the equal access that is available to those who use it. Please, please, please do not be manipulated by or intimidated by a few large corporations into a decision that will compromise the internet itself and the future of American democracy--of the people, for the people and by the people. This is one of the most vital decisions the FCC has made since Congress created the agency.

—Walt Daub, Prescott, AZ

Keep Net Neutrality! ISPs should be classified as common carriers and regulated like utilities.

—Robin Elliott, Newbury Park, CA

Throw out the rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Charley Wittman, Allentown, PA

Please keep the internet open and equal to all, without throttling by the giant ISP companies!

—Alexandre F. Robert, Seattle, WA

Mr. Wheeler, You can and should immediately move to protect free speech, consumers and network neutrality through reclassifying broadband providers as telecommunications services.

—Linda Curtin, Cedaredge, CO

We should all be free to distinguish which materials on the internet are best and most suitable for us. That is having a free internet - net neutrality. Mr. Wheeler's proposed plan allows these rights to be bought and sold and discriminated upon based what corporations like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon want me to see. These corporations should not be making these decisions for me. I strongly oppose this plan. We need true net neutrality.

—Jessica Rose Heritier, Portland, OR

Enough is enough. When the goal of internet providers becomes monopolistic and they begin to charge for faster speeds then free speech and start up companies will lose out. It's time this government protected the principals it was founded on instead of only supporting wealth.

—Michael Follman, Huntington Station, NY

Because money shouldn't decide access.

—Kris Swanson, Sparks, NV

The continuation of true "Net Neutrality" is essential to maintain the Internet as the seed ground for innovations in business and culture that have transformed America's and the World's economy. The rules proposed by the FCC will allow monopolistic entities to decide what new or existing Internet services will thrive or fail. In other words, these rules will stifle innovation.

—Mr. Larry Phenis, Boise, ID

Don't the big corporate interests in our country already have a big enough bandwagon? They own all of the main broadcast media resources, which then just serve as mouthpieces for their viewpoints. They own the Supreme Court, and a large contingent of Congress. Can't we little folk have at least ONE MEANS OF HAVING OUR VOICES HEARD WITHOUT HAVING TO COMPETE DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR WITH RIGHTWING BILLIONAIRES AND BIG CORPORATIONS? THE INTERNET SHOULD BE TREATED AS A PUBLIC UTILITY JUST LIKE PHONE SERVICE OR ELECTRICITY, AND REGULATED AS SUCH, WITH NO SPECIAL "SUPERHIGHWAY FOR PAY".

—Louis Hauer, Round Rock, TX

The recent FCC's Internet proposal is like the farmer who buys a fancy new tractor but forgets to plant the seeds. He forgot the most important part of farming--the grassroots creation--in his focus on his fancy purchase. Persons who interfere with Internet neutrality will find themselves alienated from the natural creativity which evolves from our grassroots culture. The 1% have the audacity to believe that their "creations" are superior, but they will find that their products are actually inferior to that developed by the 99%.

—Lynne Treat, Chehalis, WA

This proposed plan for the internet robs Americans and small business owners of their freedom to fast internet. America cannot afford to have these shackles placed upon ordinary citizens in the interest of big business. PLEASE reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ms. Jodi Wille, Glendale, CA

The most feared idea threatening those in power is always a level playing field. But without a fairness doctrine there will never be a meritocracy.

—Byron Hathaway, LA, CA

The internet has been working so well for everyone, please do not tamper with it for the benefit of a few. Preserve real Net Neutrality! Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Ellen Levine, Cambridge, MA

The internet belongs to the PEOPLE, NOT the corporate structure that wants it just for profit.

—Anthony Tripp, Pine, AZ

This will be bad for internet businesses that rely on sales from all economic levels, not just the wealthy. If internet shopping is no longer fast and easy, people will be more likely to try finding the product locally (which in itself isn't a bad thing) or give up on making a purchase at all. There are a lot of things like online classes that have no local equivalent that need fast internet for all of their customers. You will be driving those companies out of business.

—Teresa Carstensen, Columbus, OH

The internet should be regulated as a common carrier as is done for the telephone system.

—Jack Zektzer, Seattle, WA

Without net neutrality censorship would begin to threaten the internet, which was originally created for open information. It is not okay to censor ideas, similar to censoring books from a library because the ideas discussed were not appropriate by the perception of a few. The internet is one of the few places people can be open about their ideas freely and with nobody above the other. Please do not change that.

—Bridget Suski, Grand Blanc, MI

Net Neutrality is good for small businesses and is freedom of speech. To allow the cable companies to tier pricing is letting them have a monopoly. They provide poor customer service and do not deserve to grow with the way they will treat the customers that can't afford the speed they need. Other businesses will gouge the average citizen to make up for it. When new technologies emerge, more bandwidth will be needed (such as streaming to the new 4k TV's) and the little guy will lose out again. Students will not be able to afford even the "slow lane" they create. The slow speeds the cable companies provide now barely fit our needs yet other countries have faster speeds at much lower prices. Keep the hands of the companies that provide access to the net from chopping it up to provide faster service only for the wealthy. Do the right thing and do what the people want and need. Keep Net Neutrality and stop encouraging monopolies.

—Charles Coffelt, Tigard, OR

Don't approve these rules - reclassify ISPs as common carries otherwise they'll hold us to ransom and further corrupt the spread of information and misinformation.

—Mike Samaras, Peckham,

We need a level playing field so that startups have a chance to compete with established players.

—William Ridenour, Champaign, IL

Discrimination offline isn't legal and it shouldn't be online either. I run different online businesses as a small home based business. I compete with large companies because of the equalness of the internet. If they are allowed a fast lane because they can afford it, that puts me and my business at a disadvantage. It also would make elections not fair in our country. Grass roots organizations won't have the same resources that the two mainstream parties do. Thanks.

—David Farr, Crystal, MN

I believe we all deserve freedom to chose whatever is good for us and for the rest of the world.

—Afifee Kayale, Beirut, Hazmieh,

The internet needs to stay democratic. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Protect net neutrality!

—Gitanjali J Hursh, Portland, OR

Why do people who most vociferously blow on about "the free market" always ...and I mean ALWAYS...want to put their thumb on the scale to make it not so free or not so fair? If the FCC hasn't completely sold its integrity out to the highest bidders, it should be plain to see making a two-tiered system is not a level playing field and will not foster the sort of bottom-up creativity and invention America needs to remain competitive in the global marketplace where more and more we all depend upon a fast connection rate. The rest of the developed world is moving to widely laying fiber optic cable while the FCC seems bent on aiding and abetting cable companies and telecoms (their political donors) from doing anything but creating a world class, high speed network. It really is time for internet providers to be considered in law as utility companies and given the same regulations, mandatesand incentives...so Americans can do what we do best: create and invent. It is up to you people at the FCC to decide if you will help us remain a first class nation by enabling every citizen --whether urban or rural; red state or blue-- to tap into a widely available high speed highway to the 21st century, creating our own destiny or whether we will become a second rate backwater of a nation where the only concern is the exponentially-expanding bottom line of moguls who deliver unto us peons our daily IV drip of Honey Boo-Boo and Duck Dynasty. Frankly, faced with the dismal prospects and eclipsed personal resources created by such a mandated dumbed-down society, I'd rather go live elsewhere...or completely off-line, off-grid in a godforsaken cave in the wilderness. We live free --truly free and wholly equal--or we die.

—Donna Duren, Zionsville, PA

The internet is essential to the future, everyone's future. Everyone should have equal access.

—Adrienne Frey, Franklin, TN

I don't want the sites I visit to be in the slow lane while corporations with lots of money get the fast lanes. It will prevent some of my favorite sites from staying operational. The non profits can't compete as they don't have excessive amounts of money to spend getting fast lane treatment.

—Allie Tennant, Fort Myers, FL

Allowing a more expensive "fast lane" will raise the cost of entry for new businesses into higher bandwidth internet services, giving established players a leg up and stifling innovation. I think that it would be a mistake to toss aside the level playing field that has helped foster the remarkably innovative culture of the internet in favor of a model that will undoubtedly creep toward the sorts of entrenched market ownership seen elsewhere.

—Jason Scanlin, Los Angeles, CA

In a country that stands for "liberty and justice for all" then Net Neutrality is essential for that to hold true. Those with more capital should not be allowed preferential treatment for their content. Money should not be the judge of what is "more important" or has higher priority, especially as the gap between the highest and lowest income brackets in the US continues to widen.

—Lindsey LaPlant, Webster, NY

A free and open internet is vital to intellectual discourse. If the internet, in its infancy, had been hampered by the tactics that will become commonplace once the FCC enacts these rules, it would have never become public. Put a stop to the "fast lane" rules and ensure net neutrality.

—Aaron F Bourque, Aurora, CO

The past 30 years of economic growth and innovation should alone be enough to prove the value of a truly neutral internet. Young and brilliant minds have been more than capable of creating new opportunities and ventures that stimulate the economy, engage the youth, and encourage new ideas. The internet needs to be neutral and should also be reclassified as a Title II utility. Finally, all ISPs should be required to encrypt its traffic to ensure privacy from foreign government and civil entities abusing information it gathers.

—L Miguel Sanchez, Racine, WI

To assure equal access to resources for those who have no other avenues to gain information and/or request advocacy.

—Jacqueline List, Longmont, CO

We need to keep something in this country that everyone has equal access to. Those corporations have no ethics and not enough supervision to keep them from running rampant over anyone who can't afford the big prices. They have no reason for these rules. They make plenty of money as is and nobody needs to provide them with the means to shun most of the country for the benefit of a few.

—JK Kibler, Ghent, NY

please reclassify ISP'S as common carriers. Internet neutrality is very important.

—Kathy Miller, Port Hueneme, CA

Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon would create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. Terrible idea.

—William Brant, Palm Coast, FL

True Net Neutrality is vital to an informed public. With true Net Neutrality, Democracy can't function. And won't function. Democracy in the USA has already deteriorated to the point of nearly becoming an Oligopoly. Do not push it over the edge.

—Bruce Watson, Raleigh, NC

You are there to serve the consumers, not the corporations. Please do the right thing.

—Shawn Holyoak, Dallas, TX

It's simple, the FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Stephanie Joyner, Catonsville, MD

I support free acces to the internet. I believe the ISPs should be declared Common Carryiers. I support Net Neutrality. The internet is a great sorce of information and should be used primarily for that purpose. Profit should not be the only motive.

—Winston C Neubecker, Willow Creek, CA

CUZ REASONS!!!!!!1! AS A FORMER(?) *SHILL!* FOR ISPs, MR WHEELER SHOULD BLOODY WELL KNOW THE ARGUMENTS *FOR* NET NEUTRALITY, AND ACTUALLY LISTEN TO THE PEOPLE, NOT HIS FORMER(?) MASTERS/OWNERS. GOT IT? GOOOOD!!!!!!1! I THINK THE INTERNET IS AN INVALUABLE COMMUNICATION TOOL FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC - AMONG OTHER USES, OF COURSE (cat pics/vids, pr0n, selfies) - AND AS SUCH, SHOULD BE DECLARED A TITLE II COMMON CARRIER.. ISPs SHOULD INCREASE THE BANDWIDTH THEY OFFER, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN REACH THEIR SITES MORE EASILY., PERHAPS THEN, THERE WOULD BE NO NEED FOR A "FAST LANE".

—Paul Bodine, Vancouver,

We live in a rural area and use the net through our mobile phone and TV from rooftop antenna. Both because of the cost of satellite. Also we have no landline phone because of cost. The net is sometimes the only source of weather or news, especially during stormy weather. Please leave the net alone or we may end up with nothing. For us it could be a matter of life and death.

—Glenna Shenias, Whitewright, TX

Freedom of communication is required to have democracy, that is the small semblance of democracy that remains. It is a desperately needed as Network TV news is no longer unbiased journalism we must rely on each other to obtain facts about any issue. Barbara Andries

—Barbara Andries, Dallas, TX

Tom Wheeler came from the industry we are asking him to protect us from. I hope he will rise to the occasion and represent the common man by proclaiming providers as common carriers. Even business wants real net neutrality; not what has been proposed. Stop protecting the interests of the interests that have been protecting you, Tom Wheeler. You can make it in this world being ethical. Please do so. Rampant noncompetative monopolistic money-speaking policies are bad for our everyone except the very few. The internet should remain open and neutral. Thank you.

—Stephanie Roche, Seattle, WA

DO NOT allow the internet to be handcuffed to the whims of ISPs. Defend what this nation stands for- freedom, equality and our rights to live prosperous lives.

—Alexander Sexton, Philomath, OR

Hello, The internet is very important to me. I share all kinds of information, some very critical and I received important information also. Being able to count on using the internet in a timely matter is critical.

—Barbara Keer, Wilmette, IL

I am a Veteran, Active Voter and TaxPayer. As a Veteran I put my life on the line for Democracy. I use the internet to find coupons to use when I shop. I also use the internet to buy things that I can't find in local stores. Please help stop the plutocratic take over and save American Democracy and the middle class. I paid into SS from 1962 until I was forced to retire in 2010. Any retirement savings I had were wiped out by Wall Street. The \$1218. I receive from SS monthly pays my rent and utilities. I have 2 paper routes to pay for food and other necessities. What happens when I'm no longer able to do the routes?? I have a 1989 automobile if it breaks down and I can't repair it I lose the routes because I do not have enough income to secure a loan for a new vehicle. What ever happened to Respect for the Elderly???

—James K Hadcroft, N. Falmouth, MA

An open internet is essential to innovation, a robust and dynamic economy, and economic and political freedom. Please reject the currently proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—Eric Mackres, Manchester, MI

I cannot imagine a world where access to the internet will be controlled by money and private interest. Keep communication open and free.

—Madeleine Charron, Bisbee, AZ

With the use of electronic media increasingly dominating the flow of both information and entertainment, it is critical that every individual has equal and open access to the internet. Even thinking that network neutrality is not important is like something out of Brave New World. Or, Mr. Wheeler, is that how you think? In other words, are you already brainwashed? If so, you should not be in a position of leadership.

—Mrs. Beth Kubly, Madison, WI

The internet is a Utility. It was built with Public dollars. It belongs to the Public. It is CRIMINAL for Public Officials like the FCC Chairman to "gift" it over to his buddies who stand to get even richer, through these, so-called, "new rules" that the FCC wants to institute. The so-called, "new-rules" constitute a theft of something that belongs to the Public. We CANNOT let them get away with it. Tom Wheeler should be fired or he should resign. He is not acting in the Public interest... far from it. He is a corporate lobbyist acting in the interest of his corporate buddies who want to secure a monopoly of their substandard service to prevent any competition. Time Warner and Comcast, Verizon, and ATT, Yeah, surprise, surprise. Meanwhile, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 should be repealed. It has been a disaster.

—Carol Krez, Langley, WA

Under no circumstances should Net Neutrality be changed from its current state. There is evidence that if it is changed it will be abused. The internet is not broken as it is so please do not try to fix it.

—Gregory Lingohr, Oceanside, CA

ABSOLUTE UNIMPEDED FREE SPEECH! FREE MARKET STYLE! WETHEPEOPLE SELF REGULATE! ONE NATION,
MAXIMUM SPEED FOR ALL !!!

—Cal Hall, Huntersville, NC

The only way to protect net neutrality is to throw out your proposed rules and just reclassify ISP's as common carriers. My voice is not being amplified by big money, but there are many more voices like mine than there are voices speaking for the corporate few... please... listen to us. Protect net neutrality.

—Richard Foster, Escondido, CA

This is unacceptable and needs to be protected. Net neutrality is the last leg of this democracy and must be protected.

—Dean Petrakis, Newbury Park, CA

Allowing internet providers to make a tiered speed system is asking for disaster for the Internet. I PAY them for my connection. I PAY them for my access to WHATEVER I want to visit, download, etc. Now they want to charge another company for what I ASKED THAT COMPANY FOR! Of course, I'm sure that won't end up costing ME more money! So, I get to pay for my access directly to the cable company, and then again by paying another company so they can then hand it over to the cable company? If not being able to do that is going to kill their ability to continue investing in infrastructure, then why don't they start charging me directly what that cost would be and at least be honest for a change? I'm a conservative, and not particularly fond of government intervention. Usually, I would be unhappy to have the government tell the cable companies what they can and can't do. But these companies are ALREADY PROTECTED BY GOVERNMENT. They USE GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT THEIR BUSINESSES. Governments at the federal, state, and local levels have already altered this market so badly that the customer is always on the losing side. Please don't continue to do that to us.

—Scott Rarden, Overland Park, KS

Net Neutrality gives people the FREEDOM to promote their own businesses and achieve their dreams. If you get rid of that, we wouldn't be the land of the FREE, now will we?

—AJ Lee, Fairfax, VA

Reclassify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) as common-carriers - which they have become given the Internet's displacement of conventional/POTS as a primary communication medium.

—Bernard Karmilowicz, Columbia, MD

THE PROPOSED 2-TIERED PLAN IS NOTHING BUT BAD NEWS FOR CONSUMERS, WILL HURT SMALLER INTERNET-BASED COMPANIES, AND WILL ALLOW INTERNET CENSORSHIP. YES, I'M USING CAPSLOCK BECAUSE I'M SHOUTING!

—Angela Anderson, Snohomish, WA

Net neutrality is the way we can protect democracy even when other aspects of society and government are becoming more and more controlled by money. NET NEUTRALITY IS CRUCIAL!

—Veronica Williams, Katy, TX

The internet is a platform on which to build businesses, not one on which one business should limit the performance of others. If Ford owned roads and set a slower speed limit for non-Ford cars we would not accept it. Why should we accept the ability for a media streaming company such as comcast to limit/charge more for a competitor like Netflix to have the same experience? Keep our internet what it always has been: a level field for incredible innovation.

—Art Lawrt, Beverly, MA

Our country has been ravaged by the interest of corporate interests long enough. It is time to consider the interests of the people who make up this nation.

—Robert Sink, Odenton, MD

We must maintain Net Neutrality! If unequal access speeds are allowed the INEVITABLE result will be a seriously unlevel playing field, and lack of fair competition. This cannot be allowed to happen, and if it does we will work tirelessly to have it overturned and put those behind it to shame.

—Mr. David Hungerford, Lexington, KY

Save Net Neutrality

—Molly Moore, Tucson, AZ

I believe in honest competition. I believe in free speech. I do not believe in monopolies. I do not agree with pay for priority.

—Richard Mangan, Tacoma, WA

NET NEUTRALITY IS ABSOLUTELY IMPORTANT TO STUDENTS, RESEARCHERS, SENIOR CITIZENS, AND OTHERS WHO CANNOT AFFORD TO BE RELEGATED TO SECOND AND THIRD CLASS USERS OF THE INTERNET PIDDLING ALONG AT SNAILS PACE. A RECLASSIFICATION OF ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS IS THE ONLY WAY TO ENSURE THAT THESE USERS ARE NOT DISCRIMINATED AGAINST. PLEASE RECLASSIFY ISPs AS COMMON CARRIERS!! THANKS

—Raymond Narayan, South Ozone Park, NY

We don't need another arena in our lives controlled by major corporations and the wealthy. Keep the internet available to all.

—Lynn Cardiff, Salem, OR

Allowing the market to decide what I can look at and how fast I can look at it is un-American! We want to use the web as a tool to explore, to learn, and to communicate with each other, and we don't need fast-lanes set up by ISPs and providers relegating some content to second-class status. Keep their paws off!

—Cathy Moran Hajo, MAHWAH, NJ

Freedom of speech and expression is ours by constitution, but now that there is an Internet, big money companies will as usual try pounce all over it and make their greedy money at the expense of citizens. Amazing we even have to fight them.

—Diana Day, Monterey, CA

I regard a neutral internet as one of the last holds, as tenuous as they may be, to democracy.

—Richard Anthony DiMatteo, San Diego, CA

Don't do it. Your greed will destroy this country.

—John Williams, LaGrange, GA

Internet access is essential these days for everyone. It should be regulated as a utility since that is what it has become.

—J L Hilton, Fuquay Varina, NC

I do a great deal of pro bono work for Veterans and other non-profits and I am a writer. My husband and I live modestly and do not have the added benefit of pensions so we continue to work and for that work we need to access the internet and an a website integral to our small business. Net Neutrality is imperative that everyone gets a fair shake ... an equal opportunity to utilize the internet. Those in the FCC are given the honor and privilege to serve everyone. It is time to do the only right thing and that is to maintain absolute net neutrality now and in perpetuity.

—Pa Bennett, Atascadero, CA

The internet has become an ESSENTIAL means of communication and knowledge base for everyone....not just for entertainment, but CRITICAL and ESSENTIAL information. Hence net neutrality for EVERYONE, not just those who can pay should have access to the internet...It embraces and protects the democracy we claim to value, and I do happen to value.

—Jane S Permaul, PACIFIC PALISDAES, CA

The internet is my primary source of news. Don't screw with it.

—Arthur C. Hughes, Marietta, GA

A free, open, neutral internet is vital to maintaining a democratic society. The way to ensure it is to vote against the proposed rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I sincerely don't understand how anyone who wishes to do the right thing, who wishes to act in a manner that serves the American public and protects the rights of its citizens, can do anything less. Thank you for searching your conscience and listening to a view that represents the overwhelming majority of American citizens.

—Cynthia J Kimball, Sparks, NV

If we truly support equality in our culture, that should apply to the Internet as well.

—Marjorie Streeter, Alameda, CA

THE INTERNET IS A TOOL THAT IS PEOPLE UTILIZE ON A DAILY BASIS. AND TAKING AWAY THE FREEDOM FROM IT WOULD BE A DISASTER. MAKE THE RIGHT DECISION, YOU KNOW WHAT IT IS!

—Asher Wenrich, Newhall, CA

Net neutrality is the key to true innovation and empowerment. Please do not cave in to the special interests. Faster entertainment is not worth the loss of net neutrality. Thanks, EDK

—Eleanor D. Kinney, Indianapolis, IN

America is at a stag where we are at least try to discriminate less in a lot of areas. Your proposals, for the internet, do just the opposite. Surely big money does not own the FCC, at least not completely. Let's do what's right and continue net neutrality.

—Mr. Gene Imhoff, Huntsville, TX

DO NOT WANT HIGHER Internet provider costs. They charge too much now!!

—Sue Payne, Houston, TX

Dear FCC, I hope you will consider my wishes in making your up coming decisions. I value an even playing field. I feel very strongly about this. Please don't be 'bought out' by the cable providers. The role of government is to serve the people. Despite what corporations say, most of us people want a fair, even playing field on the internet. Please, please keep it this way.

—Josh Marean, EUGENE, OR

The internet doesn't need to be multi tiered it needs the ISPs to become common carriers for it to remain free and open.

—Ernest Bennett, Montesano, WA

I use it everyday. I am 71 yrs old and the internet keeps me informed and in contact with friends and family. Just because Russia and China control their people thru the internet does not mean that we should follow their lead. We are a free society, or at least we used to be.

—Eileen Kapetsky, Wilmington, NC

THE INTERNET IS A UTILITY!!!

—Richard Rothar, Metuchen, NJ

Reclassify ISP's as common carriers

—Judy kugler, Marietta, GA

The proposed rules would only strengthen the control exercised by the already oppressive operators, specifically the CATV companies. They have been given favored status in the world of "utilities" and have abused that advantage. The CATV companies do not deserve additional power.

—Stephen Souder, Danville, KY

You cannot allow monopoly owners of the pipes to control content. You are consigning the unmonied to a slow Internet. These broadband ISPs need to either be regulated or to have competition. We have neither and it is a travesty.

—Jane Hadley, Seattle, WA

Let's give EVERYONE great internet! Our country lags behind so many other countries. Why is our internet so slow?? Letting companies pay more for fast, so the rest of us get the usual slow- is NOT democratic.

—Maria Mikhailas, Questa, NM

The Internet -- devised by the US government and then handed over to the people -- is OURS. It should be treated like a UTILITY, NOT as a resource from which to squeeze the last ounce of lucre for and from a handful of already rich white men. You work for ME! Reclassify and protect net neutrality!

—Karen Lee Deering, LANCASTER, PA

This would only be the first step in big businesses cornering the internet traffic. A democracy only works well with a well-informed population. Don't take away this avenue of equal information distribution and turn it into something the "moneyed" interests control.

—Mary K Brandl, Minneapolis, MN

The free exchange of information must be protected at all costs!

—Obie Goodman, denver, CO

The proposed rules are entirely contrary to the concept of net neutrality, and will created a tiered internet which will stifle competition and innovation. This will happen at the expense of consumers and to the benefit of none but the cable providers and those corporations which can pay for expedited content delivery.

—Michael Luciano, Hanahan, SC

I'm an academic, and I don't want to lose access to online sites that offer alternative views or obscure information.

—Judith Poxon, Sacramento, CA

All ISPs should be common carriers, treating all traffic equally. Linda Johnson

—Linda Johnson, Fairless Hills, PA

To Whom It may Concern: I am not a lawyer nor an expert lobbyist for any side in the debate concerning what is in the best interest of the broadest array of people in this country both in the short term and the long term respecting how to regulate Wireless and Wired Internet speed provision but I can tell that the industry is out for its own interests and cares nothing for the commonwealth of the people except the bare minimum. Statistically, it can now be shown the the USA ranks far from the top in the development of pipe into rural areas as well as provision of speed compared to a great number of other developed and even developing nations and this can be shown to be the direct result of Industry crimping the national interest in pursuit of profit--that this in itself is a threat to national security is a no-brainer but in any case, in my opinion, it is best if the Federal Government intervenes forcefully in defense of the public interest in regulating the transmission of signal through the cables and airwaves of the wireless and cable Internet by banning prioritization/purchased-preference. I believe that provision of Internet should be regulated as a Title II Utility and a firm No Blocking Rule and Ombudsman for enforcement of these mandates be put in place to guarantee the people are given what they are entitled to in obtaining access to what has become no less than a utility in this country fundamental to everything from commerce to National Security. Furthermore, I believe Broadband and Wireless providers be roundly fined for any demonstrable attempts to throttle the net by creating an insuperable barrier (steep monetary fines) in redressing the error that has been allowed to persist in this arena so that in future the country that invented the Internet is not at the bottom of the league-table because of malfeasance on the part of the anti-neutrality self-serving Broadband and Wireless Industry. Thank you.

—Lawrence Curtin, Airmont, NY

Net neutrality must be protected and not given to the highest bidder.

—Noreen Allen, Stafford Springs, CT

Chairman Wheeler's proposed plan is blatantly discriminatory and no matter what rules are put in place it will result in a two tiered system which will leave the ordinary consumer in the dust with higher cost and fewer choices. Most assuredly it would be the end of net neutrality as well as equal access to an extremely important communication source. Suzanne Schmidtke

—Suzanne Schmidtke, Universal City, CA

I work with a small business that does end-to-end web design and content for other SMBs. Our work is virtually 100% Internet-dependent and often requires the transfer of large files. Also, more and more business owners want embedded video on their sites. If the proposed new rules go through, both my business and other small and medium businesses that depend on high-speed connections and adequate bandwidth will be crippled in their marketing. DO NOT IMPLEMENT THESE NEW REGULATIONS.

—Adam Cornford, Oakland, CA

Sewer pipes are not tiered service - every house in a neighborhood gets equal access to effluent flow. Why should the internet be treated any differently than that? The very definition of "common carrier" is at stake here... why should AT&T, for example, be classified a "common carrier" because they carry voice traffic, but NOT a "common carrier" because they carry data traffic? It makes no sense. In both cases, they're carrying goods for the general public - and that's the legal definition of "common carrier". This would not be an issue if "common sense" prevailed at the FCC.

—Sam Juliano, Austin, TX

I have an environmental website which shares information on climate change. A free internet is very important to me. Also if the government wants to be paint a picture of not being totally corrupt, it should not choose an ex-lobbyist as head of the FCC. This revolving door will always undercut the needs of We The People.

—Norman Miller, Costa Mesa, CA

When I first began telecommunicating, 300/1200 dial-by baud modems were a consumer standard. I've always been for growth in speed, - 'cause there's only going to be one internet, right? Not if Wheeler's plan goes through. The government wouldn't sponsor 100% highways. Why would it fund 99% highways? Wait...*who* is the 1% here?

—Jason, Johnstown, PA

Net Neutrality is important to me; since I am a paying customer for internet access, it is my right to have open access to all internet information. The internet service provided should not be able to impose an added cost on internet websites, or restrict any of them if they do not pay extra.

—Stephen Keener, Lenexa, KS

I am sick to death of giant corporations screwing us. This is an outrageous thing to do to us.

—Clark T. Davis, Los Osos, CA

Eliminating net neutrality will enable monopoly pricing in a whole new arena. Are nation is great because of our unanticipated disruptive technological change, not because we enabled the pony express to charge different rates for messages from different people.

—Robert Woodward, Lee, NH

Preventing Cable Company F**ckery is vital to this country.

—Alicia Zody, Marshall, IL

The Internet is truly our final Frontier when it comes to our freedom of speech. And as a patriotic American, I find it necessary for us as a nation of "free" citizens that it remains that way.

—Nikolas Haik, Bloomington, CA

net neutrality is important because money is NOT speech. The concept of FREE speech is enshrined in our constitution; therefore to have to pay to get your speech heard is on it's face unconstitutional. This proposed rule is contrary to our most deeply held values, and must be rejected by the FCC.

—Jon Hansen, Normandy Park, WA

This is supposed to be the land of the free, not the land of whoever has the most money. Protect the right of information access for all.

—Ms. Krista Gobby, Corona, CA

Net must remain neutral. Too dangerous to let any company have control over our internet. Do not sell it off. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers.

—philip Guttman, Portland, OR

How on earth could Obama appoint the current FCC chairman. He is in bed with the cable companies. His current proposal to essentially end net neutrality is a perfect illustration of this. This cannot stand.

—Ron Hammond, Santa Fe, NM

Net neutrality is very much akin to freedom of the press.

—Phillip Mixon, Augusta, GA

Just as telephone phone service is available and price-brokeed the same for all, so should internet access. No preferential treatment for those who can bid up the price for fast connectivity and effectively block less wealthy sites from the superhighway. No relegating to bumpy country roads sites whose points of view differ from the ISPs. The internet has become the most important medium for businesses, government and issue-based organizations to reach the public. Its size and importance will continue to grow for the foreseeable future. Net neutrality must be preserved, in order to allow the free flow of information and opinion, which have been the bedrocks of our democracy. When such content is filtered out by money power or by the interests of the ISPs themselves, we are several steps closer to the kind of totalitarian state that we as a nation have rightly deplored. I urge you in the strongest terms to reject Chairman Wheeler's plan. Instead, please reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Thank you for your attention to this crucial issue.

—Fred Nothnagel, North Andover, MA

We don't need this stupidity & outright greed forced on us, the net works just great as it is. If this debacle goes through, ending net neutrality I for one will have no problem with cancelling completely. We all got along fine before the net came into being and also I would have no problem having nothing to do with the companies who are dumping money into this though, I have no liking for cable companies and their price gouging is atrocious. their lack of customer service is a laugh...

—Eileen Fidler, Phoenix, AZ

I am outraged to hear that the FCC is now considering a plan to allow ISPs to provide lesser services to users who can't afford to pay them extra fees! Corporations already have far too much power over the people of this country, and I do not want them to start interfering with my online access or choices! The Internet should never have been classified as an information service to begin with. I ask that you end this corporate threat to the will of the people by reclassifying the Internet as a common carrier.

—Jane Murphy, Ripley, NY

A corporate monopoly on the internet is the death of small business, health care access, individual access to information, to democracy itself.

—Patricia Emmert, Austin, TX

we don't want big corporations to rule us. we want this access to each other. this is vital.

—Jean Public, not available, NJ

for many people the internet is their long distance to stay in touch with family members throughout the world. those conversations should be private. if you can say it on the phone why not the internet?? not too mention the internet is now the classroom for many children and if you are going to police the internet are these children still going to be able to learn?? When I say learn I mean the real stuff not just what some want them to learn BUT the true history so they can be the adults we need for the future.

—Terry Elliott, Wysox, PA

In this Democracy, we are all equal. If you allow Internet providers to control internet access and the way it is distributed, we are no longer equal or free. The public interest must be protected over corporate interests!

—Patrick Flynn, Larchmont, NY

WE ARE LOSING TOO MANY FREEDOMS DON'T MAKE IT ANOTHER ONE.

—ETHRAGE haggard, Lexington Park, MD

Net neutrality is essential to allowing the free flow of ideas from all perspectives. Allowing corporations to control content by controlling upload and download speeds is counter to the freedoms that this country was founded on.

—David Wells, North Tonawanda, NY

Net Neutrality is important because free speech shouldn't flow at different rates or cost different rates! Data is data is data is data. The data hasn't changed, only the access has, and you know it!

—Raymond A. Gibson, Hollywood, FL

Do NOT let service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet. They do NOT own the Internet. We ALL do.

—Lenn Neff, St. Petersburg, FL

To say that money is equal to value is not logical. Our government is failing due to a lack of communication.

—Jack M Morrison, Costa Mesa, CA

Stop this gluttony of the corporate criminal vampire blood-sucking state and its regulatory dupes. May you all choke on the enhanced forms of bribery that goes with money is speech. and the FCC knows what it's saying; but can't understand me at all. BETTER your mother had not been born than to see what you have become.

—Dennis Szilak, Perrysburg, OH

The internet must be treated as if it was a common carrier. Letting access and speed of service over the internet depend on who can pay the most will destroy both free speech and open commerce. Do not let cable companies and phone companies screw everybody else of their profits. We need net neutrality NOW and ALWAYS.

—Frank Boenheim, Los Angeles, CA

Net neutrality is important to me because of the rising prices of school costs and every small bussiness that thrives on the internet such as etsy, Amazon, and deviantart. If we lose net neutrality education will be more difficult to obtain and coronations will dominate everyone with their own interests above others.

—Catalina Gutierrez, Moorpark, CA

Keep the net open! A company should not be able to pay for an express lane!

—Zach Cresswell, Ithaca, MI

I am a writer and educator. The ability to access Internet information from a variety of sources and servers should not be treated as a commodity the government can sell for favors. The FCC should be protecting free access not selling some to cronies and giving second class treatment to the citizens who have paid for its development.

—Dom Zuccone, Houston, TX

It should not be biased . It is discrimination in every form.

—Cynthia Murphy, pensacola, FL

ISP's should be classified as common carriers and governed by the same regulations Keep the internet neutral.

—Alicia Gardner, Seattle, WA

Net neutrality us a win for the people . Fast lanes are yet another way to line the CEO, COO CFO, POLITICIANS pockets. Like we haven't seen enough of that I n the last 12 years!!!!

—Susanne Demko, Charlotte, NC

Net Neutrality provides an avenue of information exchange, educational information, knowledge of the world's cultures and societies, ad infinitum. Millions of Americans will be financially unable to afford internet access, including myself. What remains of the American democracy depends on a free flow of information and informed citizens. Thank you.

—Sharon Conn, sandy, OR

reclassify ISPs as commons carriers as they are without fucking up a system that is working well for every one

—Dwight Blackwell, La Verne, CA

I AM A HUMAN BEING FIRST WHO WANTS TO CONNECR WITH OTHER HUMANS, NOT THE \$\$\$

—Nancy Snyder, Cottonwood, AZ

how many "comments" (voices risen) does it take to over-ride corporate control of the internet? the internet is one of few places where money does not dictate level of service. it should always be free, equal and available to all.

—Roberta Schepps, guemeville, CA

Stop the destruction of Net Neutrality, make this a Government by the People, for the People again and not for whoever throws enough money at us wins!!!!

—Chris Nehring, La Porte, IN

You know FCC you're not doing the friggin math. AT&T, Verizon and Comcast are all content providers. If you let them tack on surcharges for broadband speeds to companies like Netflix, then Netflix is going to have to raise prices. I would DEFINITELY CANCEL MY NETFLIX ACCOUNT! And then the oligopoly for AT&T, Verizon and Comcast will get more profitable and dominant. Not to mention Comcast is already trying to merge with Time Warner. IF YOU RUIN NET NEUTRALITY YOU ARE GOING TO FUCK UP MY ENTERTAINMENT CHOICES AND I ALSO WORK ON THE INTERNET FOR A LIVING. YOU COULD FUCK UP MY ABILITY TO WORK AND BE PROFITABLE. PULL YOUR FUCKING HEAD OUT OF YOUR FUCKING SELFISH CRIMINALLY MOTIVATED FAT ASS YOU FUCKS!!!

—Joe Cuiello, Solana Beach, CA

The freedom and equality currently in place for online content is what makes it so special, don't ruin that!

—Felicity Angela Rhone, Victoria,

I am retired and living on very little income, without asking for government assistance. I use and enjoy the internet. I can't afford to put money in it. Please protect Net Neutrality. It should belong to all of us instead of lining some corporations pockets. Please do not discriminate against us. Please throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers. Please protect our Net Neutrality.

—Brenda Volpe, Hilliard, OH

The world is faced with multiple crises which require the collective knowledge and action of us all to confront. If the internet, our communication medium, is subverted to primarily express the will of the few rich and powerful, who can pay for access exceeding that of the vast majority of the people, it will diminishes the capability for the concerns of the majority of people to be addressed. Catastrophe for all will result.

—Brad Confer, Carmel, IN

Net Neutrality is important to me because it allows for equal access of information regardless of power or money. It allows smaller companies to compete on an equal footing.

—Susan Sachs, WAKEFIELD, RI

Net Neutrality is important to the future of our country and the world. Having a level playing field promotes innovation and communication which benefits the economy and people's lives. Allowing ISPs to control internet service speeds via fees, will greatly disadvantage and discourage new growth of companies and discoveries. A free internet is an integral part of a free and prosperous society. By changing the rules of authority, the FCC will change the internet from a common carrier to a for profit technology and further power the ISP monopoly. I'm an Obama supporter, but not on this proposal! Additionally, Tom Wheeler's ties to this industry makes this rule change have the appearance of something not on the level.

—Lori Daniells, Harvard, MA

PRESERVE NET NEUTRALITY!! DUMP TOM WHEELER, HE DOESN'T WORK FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE!!!

—Brett Jensen, La Habra Heights, CA

Maintaining the neutrality of Internet communications is key to encouraging economic and scientific growth. I urge the Commission not to favor any type of data and treat the Internet as a telecommunication service.

—Kevin Zheng, Ballwin, MO

It's inconceivable that it should be anything but neutral.

—Karen Peterson, Northbrook, IL

We must not add yet another layer of privilege to our already heavily layered society. This is not the world I want to live in nor is it the world we should be living in. We know better that the whole system works better when we are less separated in the way we must live. Only the rich can see how jolly it will be with still more privilege.

—Rose Bertrand, Madison, WI

The internet is so useful to both individuals and corporations, simply because it is an open platform. However, the rules that allow "fast lanes" will change this dynamic. Only those with the resources (i.e. large corporations and wealthy individuals) will have the ability to purchase access to these "fast lanes", which will essentially end the internet as we know it. It will be much harder for a start-up like the next Google, Facebook, or Amazon to compete with the existing players. The FCC should immediately end any plans for a "fast lane" and instead support Net Neutrality. Furthermore, the FCC should classify Internet Service Providers (ISPs) such as Comcast and AT&T as common carriers. Their job should simply be to charge for service, not prioritize content based on negotiated contracts with other companies.

—Adam Tenderholt, Seattle, WA

If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality.

—julie birkett, new era, MI

Reclassify ISPs as common carriers. That's the right course of action; side with the people. Do the right thing. Reclassify ISPs as common carriers and restore Net Neutrality!

—Aidan Zingler, Des Moines, IA

ALL PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO THE FULL INTERNET.

—Kevin Armstrong, Lake Wylie, SC

Net Neutrality is important because the internet is an important communication tool for people everywhere. The internet also helps businesses create new ideas to expand their successful brands to individuals (and in return, make profits).

—Michael Yearsley, Levittown, NY

We are outraged that the FCC is even considering a two-tiered internet, which will lead to more price-gouging. The major carriers are already charging more than the rest of the world pays for slower service.

—M John, Ada, MI

I'm involved in animal rescue. I've already had a problem with Verizon blocking me for 24 hour periods for sending too many emails. That will get much worse if 100% net neutrality is not maintained. When I cannot send out email for an animal, that animal's life is at risk.

—Kathleen Eaton, Middletown, DE

At 92, I can remember when the first television was considered a common carrier and supposed to be free to all. Today I put up with a slower Internet and less television to avoid paying Comcast which has served us so badly in the intervening years but if these proposed new regulations go into effect I won't even be able to pay the fees even if I wanted to.

—LaVerne Uhte, Mill Valley, CA

I support a free and unbiased internet utilized for the good of the public foremost and not for the profit of corporations

—Peter Caponi, Austin, TX

Keep the internet for for all.

—Gregory Chandler Jr., Huntsville, AL

I am elderly and on a fixed income. I cannot afford NOT to have net neutrality! And your proposal only enriches very rich corporations; it is antidemocratic, too: a relatively few are enriched by censorship and greed because they influenced an unelected regulating body. Shame on you for even considering your new "rules"!

—Lynn Goodman-Strauss, Austin, TX

The economy has been shit since I graduated college in 2010. Even with a bachelors and several years work experience in offices, I still can't find a job that pays a decent wage. Now I am living in South Korea, because here my skills are valued as an English teacher and I'm paid accordingly, or at least enough to afford paying my loans. However, I haven't given up on America. My dream is to open my own business in Atlanta, Georgia. My plan has always been to use a following garnered through social media to achieve those ends and further my potential. To give something back to the place I'm from. But if net neutrality is done away with my fledgling business won't stand a chance against giant corporations. I can't even work in my own country. America is driving it's young folks out, entprenuers, dreamers and hard working people of all walks of life. Call an end to the bull shit. Protect net neutrality.

—Rachael Sharpe, Roswell, GA

It's so vital to protect real Net Neutrality. However, your proposed plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. Throw out these rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the only way to truly protect real Net Neutrality.

—Abe Kutner, Casper, WY

A modern free society requires access to an open Internet, one without "fast lanes" only people in certain income groups can afford.

—Steve Gazzoli, Kent, WA

Everyone has a right to information, not just the highest bidders.

—Margaret Blakley, Littleton, CO

What part of freedom don't you understand?

—Mark Stamas, North Fork, CA

The Koch brothers shouldn't be allowed to buy Comcast and slow traffic to whitehouse.gov and boost traffic to republicans.org. We own the Internet, not the ISPs.

—Subrata Sircar, Sunnyvale, CA

net neutrality IS the democratic way to do business, not a 2 tiered system for the very wealthy greedy companies. We already have problems with comcast and lousy service and high prices.

—Mrs. Donnasue Jacobi, San Andreas, CA

Because making something as fundamental as the Internet monopolized is UnAmerican and wrong!

—Abigale Laine Smith, Lafayette, IN

No double dipping.

—Richard Corbin, Parkville, MO

The software industry in the United States is strong and growing, and it relies heavily on its users having a fast, reliable Internet connection. For example, the growth of tech jobs in my home city of New York has increased 18% over the last decade. Your new rules, however, threaten to further consolidate the market for consumer Internet connectivity and could slow or stop the current surge in the software market. Please preserve Net Neutrality.

—Gregory Nofi, Brooklyn, NY

Preserve equal timely access to the internet. Rep. Seth Armstrong (ret.)

—Rep Seth Armstrong (ret.), Seattle, WA

I'm disabled, so the internet is my connection to the world. I also have a low fixed income, so any increases in costs regarding the internet will affect me severely.

—EJ Todd, Floral City, FL

The Information Tollway is unacceptable. When almost everything is now online, it's discrimination.

—Amy Norton, Columbus, OH

Public domain is an essential element of vital democracy. This is the critical issue, not the profits of corporate greed and social control.

Sincerely David Reed Denver, Co.

—David Reed, Denver, CO

The internet belongs to everyone. The rich and influential should not be given control of any other part of our economy.

—Joan Parrish, Santa Cruz, CA

Protection of the first ammendment. Ability to work around corporate monopolies.

—Paul Winsor, Somerset, MA

This should be enough fix so everything is the same

—James L Sellers, St.Louis, MO

My family is awakening to the fact that govt, their depts and the corporations that run these are evil and sinister. The Fraudulent Communication Commission is evil garbage like their leadership!

—Lawrence Kitay, phoenix, AZ

The internet is a means of providing news to the world and promoting democracy and should not be another instrument of the rich to control the poor.

—Leslie Cassidy, New York, NY

Small business would suffer if they had to compete with large corporations who can afford to pay for a fast lane. Throughout its history the internet has been egalitarian, please don't change that.

—Skip Colon, Miami, FL

NEt Neutrality is important to global commerce, people staying in touch and leveling the playing field.

—Carol S Daly, San Jose, CA

Internet Service Providers need to be regulated the same as common carriers. This is the sensible solution for net neutrality for Americans.

—Ronald W Drake, Prescott, AZ

I am a college student who takes online courses. Some of the courses are hard enough for me, I do not want it to be hard just to access my courses with a slow internet.

—Alex Barnes, Indianapolis, IN

The internet belongs to the people. It was developed with government dollars and should not be for sale.

—Beth Pulsifer Anderson, Catonsville, MD

Net Neutrality has become one of the foundations, perhaps the only one left, of truly free speech in America. Anyone, regardless of social class or economic resources can raise issues and carry on public debate -- as the Internet is now. Rules to allow a tiered system of preferential to the rich and powerful interests will destroy the last bastion of free and equal access.

—Stephen Zettel, Libby, MT

When does a person have too much money? When they believe they can decide how other people must live their lives. When they can legislate new laws and requirements WITHOUT asking the people. When they get away with saying "I have a Pen." When they can pass laws making themselves exempt from crimes because they are wealthy. Have I made a point here or are you too fucking stupid to recognize it? There is a difference between "Dictating" and "legislating" though today they seem to be used interchangeably. How does that saying go about "political Correctness and turds?" Oh yes! "A doctrine fostered by a delusional, illogical minority, and rabidly promoted by an unscrupulous mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a turd by the clean end." Remember the part of the US Constitution that says "By the People and for the People"? How about "Shall not be infringed"?

—Daniel Wiberg, ZipCode, SC

Impeach the spam; protect the citizen from surveillance.

—Nathalie Robisco, Bastia,

I believe the internet should ne free and open as it is now.

—Margaret Crane, San Antonio, TX

Do the right thing NOW!

—Dean Morris, Largo, FL

A free press, a free Internet, a free people, a free country, freedom for life, life for freedom. 70 years after and still fighting for these things. What a sad little country we are becoming.

—David Johnson, Mission Viejo, CA

Tom Wheeler is using his bully pulpit to shut down the freedom's cyber highway, using corp'se monopolies toll gates to prevent free access to intellectual freedom. His twisted thinking will allow this travesty by enslaving mankind's free will into a tollway, creating hostility, revolution, and hopefully evolution against bullying, which is what he will be doing if you let him. Whomever represents me, who does not allow net neutrality, will be stifling prosperity, stilling the one true thing that makes us human, communication. Shame on you and the future you will be creating.

—Ms. Judith Levinson, San Francisco, CA

Don't limit what remains of free and equal speech.

—Donald Rubin, Plympton, MA

Freedom on the net is very important. Please throw out your reclassify ISPs as common carriers. I have enjoyed my freedom to do what I need to online since 1999.

—Cindi Dean, ghkfj, NY

I oppose the proposed cahnges to Internet rules. I think ISPs should remain as common carriers.

—William Frechtman, west hollywood, CA

I urge you to protect net neutrality and democratic access to information by reclassifying ISPs as common carriers.

—Aryn Bartley, Eugene, OR

Net neutrality is important to me as it supports free speech, democracy, vitality and diversity in the voices that get "heard" on the internet. Without this vitality and diversity, we as a culture are exposed mostly to "information" that comes from those with the most money and resources, and other voices get drowned out, diminished and pushed to the sidelines.

—Stephanie Koenig, Silver Spring, MD

The internet is a medium of free exchange. It is a chance for people to see other people as they are and not as the governments and media would have us see them. It is a chance for the world to come together instead of tearing itself apart. The defeat of net neutrality does one thing very well: It ensures that the wealthy will be heard above all others. We already see that in every other media. We do not need it on the internet as well. Protect the rights of the people over the machinations of the powerful few. We already have cable TV. Please do not turn the internet into the same.

—Thomas Moore, Philadelphia, PA

My online information is my own personal information and we should all be allowed to choose who we sign up with and our information should also be kept secure and private. We need to be treated equally and not gouged with fees and only preferred clients would be receiving great service.

—Elinore Krause, Mc Kees Rocks, PA

The internet is a valuable resource for learning and entertainment for many around the world. We need to ensure that it remains as open and accessible to as many people as possible, and not subject to the whims of huge corporations. The FCC needs to throw out its rules and instead reclassify ISPs as common carriers. This is the ONLY way to protect real Net Neutrality. Doing away with Net Neutrality would put the US a major step back compared with the rest of the world at a time when the US needs to push to remain the leader of innovation. Nations are catching and in many cases surpassing the US when it comes to policies regarding the Internet. The US needs to catch up, and reclassifying ISPs as common carriers is a major step in the right direction.

—Anthony Muniz, Comstock Park, MI

Net neutrality is extremely important to me and to all of the public, because it is truly free speech, not like the campaign money from billionaires. Without net neutrality, multi-billion-dollar corporations like Verizon can effectively decide what we can and can't see, and that is absolutely wrong.

—Winfield Carson, Poway, CA

We do not need to make Companies like Comcast or Verizon richer on the backs of ordinary people. Keep net neutrality.

—Donna Gordon, Cloudcroft, NM

Preserving net neutrality will preserve freedom of speech. Money does not equal speech. I don't know how most of you sleep at night. You are disconnected from the common people of the United States. You worship power and money. You do the bidding of lobbyists and those in high corporate power. When you are old and your health is failing, what side will you have served? The majority of the people, or the power-hungry few? What will you have gained? This is as much a moral issue as it is an issue of your own personal hearts as human beings. Your cynicism has begun corrupt your humanity. You aren't seeing people, you are seeing "others" in the way of your plan. Preserve net neutrality. Preserve your own humanity. Take a vacation across the United States--talk to the common man and woman. Don't lock yourself in a resort. Those common people treat you nice because they are paid to. If you want real opinions, don't rely on money.

—Paul Krauss, Scottsdale, AZ

We already pay to use the net--it's for everybody!!!

—Ann Stetser, Miami, FL

Not only do we need to keep Net Neutrality important to preserve. We should go a few steps further: We need to break up the giant corporate media, to get some competition. The American people paid to invent the internet, they deserve to be able to use it free, without paying outrageous rates to large media providers.

—Mike Torpey, Portland, OR

Grass roots activism is how we conserve true democracy. Equal access to internet resources is essential to the health of our country. The internet should be classified as a utility/common carrier in order to keep it open for all.

—Mary Hamilton, Mountain View, CA

If you could find a way to sell souls for profit, you would be for it. Don't sell out our freedom of speech to the rich. They already own everything else.

—Michael Fowler, Honolulu, HI

It's important because without it the internet would be nothing but television, no one wants that but big companies that only hold greed to their hearts and souls.

—Tyler Weiss, Carlsbad, CA

If the net is to be censored and given to the rich , it might as well be shut down !

—Kurt Sjolander, Park Falls, WI

Why make the internet worse. We are already getting some of the slowest speeds for the amount paid in the world. It's deplorable that you are even considering making it worse.

—Marvin Sawyer, Yucca Valley, CA

The Internet was an American "invention" like no other. Don't ruin it to benefit the oligopolies.

—Ward Mundy, Mount Pleasant, SC

AT&T, Comcast and Verizon are obviously common carriers. They must be classified as such. To do otherwise defies common sense.

—Mary Gover, Richfield, MN

Do you really believe that the public is THAT STUPID that we can not see these proposed changes as unfair, and allowing these companies to buy access and deny us the possibility of similar service? Perhaps it is time we try to catch up with Estonia and much of Europe!!! Instead you are proposing that money can buy anything including preferential access. NO, NO, NO.

—Vija Z McDill, San Antonio, TX

Your proposed new rules are terrible, and discriminate against small businesses.

—Renee Brooks, South Houston, TX

Net Neutrality insures an open, democratic Internet. It is very important to keep it that way, and to prevent the creation of a two-tiered, pay to play system. FCC, throw out your rules and reclassify ISPs as common carriers!

—Katherine McNeill, Sacramento, CA

Schools and public libraries are constantly faced with budget cuts. Technology has become a "must have" for education whether it is provided by schools or public libraries. For the FCC to refuse to accept that the Internet has become a utility like electrical service is destructive to our educational system. With the current actions by the FCC it is apparent the members of the FCC are more concerned about Corporate America's profit margin than education of the People.

—Earlene King, Mantorville, MN

Dear FCC, The only people in the country who support your plan are yourselves and the cable industry. Please do the right thing and enforce a *real* open internet with Title II.

—Ben Rohrer, Worcester, MA

The FCC should throw out its rules and reclassify ISPs as a common carrier.

—Lloyd Matthews, Lakewood, CO

The internet should always be free and fair for all - not just the wealthy, corrupted few. Thank you.

—Robyn Besly, Honolulu, HI

The internet not only provides my livelihood, but the livelihood of hundreds of thousands of people across the world as well. Allowing ISPs to discriminate in their service will be a terrible blow to a huge part of the world economy.

—Ryan Gaygen, Ithaca, NY

Net Neutrality is absolutely UNFAIR and goes against our core constitutional rights as citizens of America.

—Wilma Goodness, San Diego, CA

Nearly all net providers- Comcast/TWC, Cox, et.al. are thieves. This is for the sole purpose of making them more money.

—Rick Berger, N Adams, MA

I use the internet to get information. Restricting my access by letting only a few companies get their way restricts me, a citizen of this country. Not fair. I wish I had money like AT&T or Verizon or Comcast to influence your decision. All I have is this forum. Please take citizens of this country in account when you make decisions.

—Gloria Wigert, ocean grove, NJ

Net neutrality is essential to open communication and a healthy democracy in this country.

—PE E Crawford, Stevenson, WA

RECLASSIFY ISP'S!! PLEASE! DON'T DESTROY OUR INTERNET.

—Margaret Dodge, Yarmouth,, ME

Please preserve Net Neutrality. Thank you. Carole Allegro

—Carole Allegro, Bronx, NY

The net belongs to all of us not just the rich or mega-corporations. Keep it that way. It's a matter of fairness and equality.

—Randy Fuhrmann, Helena, MT

There is much on the Internet that is valuable that is not provided by businesses that can pay for privileged, high-speed transmission: the websites of public libraries, agencies that assist battered women, public schools...the Internet should be a level playing field for all

—Robert O'Kelly, Somerville, MA

The FCC's proposed Internet rules are out — and they're terrible. As we feared, FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler is pushing a plan that would allow rampant discrimination online. If approved, these rules would mean the end of Net Neutrality. Wheeler's plan would let Internet service providers like AT&T, Comcast and Verizon create a two-tiered Internet, with fast lanes for those who can afford the extra fees and a slow dirt road for the rest of us. These companies would have the power to pick winners and losers online and discriminate against online content and applications. And no one would be able to do anything about it. But we have a way to fight back: The FCC has opened up a comment period for us to weigh in on its proposal.

—Jackie Koontz, Temecula, CA

Do we have a democracy — or not? Communications infrastructure has become our nation's "highway system." Don't turn that into toll roads!

—Mary A. Keeler, Seattle, WA

Because everyone should have equal access information

—James Fucci, Pelham, AL

It is high time that ALL communication (Internet, wired or wireless again be classed as public utilities. The present, market system does not work as well as the old (before break-up) AT&T. The US internet provides less at higher cost than most of the world.

—Jan D van Cort, New York, NY

No slow lane for the Internet!

—Pierre Liechti, Anaheim, CA

I'm an entrepreneur who needs a level playing field as I work to bring innovative services to market. Destroying net neutrality would be disastrous for businesses like mine and for the greater economy. Don't let it happen.

—Tony Felice, Lakewood, OH

I spend a lot of time browsing the internet, it is a source of connection and entertainment, for hundreds of millions of Americans. I do not know who you are, but your opinion does not rise above the opinions of a country as a whole. Please take time to consider listening to the voices of the people who inhabit your nation before we decide the FCC is obsolete.

—Christopher Stockman, Phoenix, AZ

The spirit of the internet from its beginning has been equal access conditions for all. That means all companies, small and big, and all individuals, whoever and wherever they are. Subversion of that ideal, in even the smallest way, will be the beginning of the end of this great and so far successful experiment in democracy. On no account should you, or any other regulatory authority, ever allow that to happen.

—J Martin Ward, Minehead,

Please reclassify ISP's as common carriers, so that access to the Internet will be truly democratic, and not based on ability to pay. Equal opportunity means that; it is different from opportunity if you can pay. The poor and the ordinary and the common person must have the same opportunity to learn, to know; these are the bases of opportunity.

—Anne T. O'Brien, Tarrytown, NY

Every day this country seems to be more and more like a monarchy, with huge corporations, who now pretty much control Congress, as KINGS. The soldiers who fought in the American Revolution must be spinning in their graves to see how the term "Tea Party" has been turned on its head. The original Boston Tea Party was about creating a democracy. The current one is about destroying it! The current Tea Party doesn't realize that our form of government - as described in the Constitution and Bill of Rights - is GOOD, not bad. When Ronald Reagan said "The government IS the problem," a lot of people started thinking that our form of government was somehow bad. They began believing lies that certain very rich people were propagating - such as Rupert Murdoch. He is one of the current "acting Kings" here, and must be deprived of such power. True Net Neutrality is one of the things we MUST have in order to have a real democracy. Please catch up to the 21st century, FCC, and declare the internet to be a Public Utility which needs to be regulated!!!! I may not have the exact language correct, but you probably know what I mean. for democracy, Marian Archibald Lansdale, PA

—Marian Archibald, Lansdale, PA

Please reverse your decision on the net neutrality. You're going to piss a lot of people off otherwise.

—Pete Willards, seattle, WA

This is just another form of handing over our rights to the corporations if the two-tiered system prevails.

—Michael Hoban, Newton, MA

It is absolutely vital that open communication and complete Net Neutrality be maintained on the Internet to allow the free flow of idea and innovation that have allowed amazing companies to start small and grow quickly (Facebook, for example) and for science and technological advances to be shared. Also, a democracy should have at least one place where all people can communicate equally, without corporate control creating haves and the have nots on the information superhighway. Declare the internet a public utility. Make it available equally to all. Regulate what can be charged for access and the sort of minimum service that MUST be provided to all. Do not allow a two (or more) tiered service.

—Jean Kluge, Foristell, MO

The internet should be equally available and accessible to all. ISPs should be reclassified as common carriers.

—Sharon Nicodemus, Sacramento, CA

Please don't allow those new rules proposed by the chairman of the fcc. He should be ashamed of being himself the chairman of the fcc and be looking out for the interest of the people in general. Net neutrality please.

—Julian Ramos, El Paso, TX

My work and my children's ability to do their homework and prepare for college rely on access to the internet. How will this affect children's college opportunities -- are we really going to continue to reduce opportunities for those who don't already have them?

—Shay Chan Hodges, Haiku, HI

The FCC has a chance to really do something positive for average Americans here. For once, please do the right thing. And don't kowtow to some of the most hated companies on Earth (AT&T, Comcast, Verizon, etc.).

—Tom Winstead, Raleigh, NC

we don't need baby sitters while on the internet

—Joey Stevenson, Leitchfield, KY

Internet should be available to all... no exceptions!

—Toni Caldwell-Clark, Kansas City, KS

Internet and broadband providers should be regulated as common carriers.

—Richard Wolfe, Cheverly, MD

I do not approve of FCC Chairman / Comcast Lobbyist Tom Wheeler's plan to chip away at the fundamentals of Net Neutrality.

—Ryan Cummings, Elkton, MD

Keep the internet neutral. Corporations are monopolizing internet services and the FCC needs to protect the American public from higher prices and lowered internet speeds.

—Randall Patton, Battle Creek, MI

Anything that can be abused will be abused. Using a multi-tier system for internet speed will be abused in an effort to maximize profit for providers, and promote products of providers ahead of their competing products. Net neutrality must be maintained.

—Richard Martinez, Johns Creek, GA

The internet is our major source of information. It is essential that this flow of information is independent of commercial companies.

—Mark, Rocky Point, NY